

ATTACHMENT 1

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Dear Neighbor:

More than 50 years ago our Town had the vision to move forward with the construction of a reservoir to provide our community with a safe water supply. The Hirst reservoir, which provides up to 300,000 gallons of water a day to our residents and business community, continues to be an important part of our Town's critical infrastructure.

Our Town has changed since the reservoir was first constructed and utilized. Since the year 2000 our community's population has increased by nearly 79% and the demand on our water system has grown from an average 210,000 gallons per day in 1995 to more than 572,000 gallons on average in 2005. During the spring and summer months the daily demand for water sometimes exceeds 800,000 gallons which exceeds our daily production capacity.

As you know, the Town continues to pursue the construction of a new reservoir adjacent to our existing reservoir to increase our water resources. Even should the construction of the new reservoir occur, the Town will not have enough water for long-term projected water demand within existing Town boundaries. We must be prepared not only for the next several years, but well into the next decade and beyond for our families and business community.

In an effort to plan ahead, the Town commissioned a water resources study in 1999 that was adopted in 2000. The study provides an outline for how and where the Town should explore for the acquisition of additional water sources including the provision of new wells. The Town has utilized the findings in the study to increase our water resources.

In 2000 when Loudoun County purchased the Fields Farm property the Town objected in part to the development of the property as it is cited in the study as having the potential to yield water resources. It is regrettable that the Town has been put in this position, but the County has failed to work with the Town to master plan the property – which, of course, we would have insisted include the provision for the Town to develop water resources. As such, at our Town Council meeting this month the Council has authorized a public hearing to obtain resident input on the potential acquisition or condemnation of a 40+ acre tract of the Fields Farm property. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 7 PM at Town Hall.

Should the Town move forward there will be no impact on the Town's general fund or tax rate. Over the years the Town has collected fees (known as availability fees) to help the Town improve and expand our water resources; therefore, those funds will be used to offset the cost of the purchase of the property should the Council vote to acquire or condemn the property.

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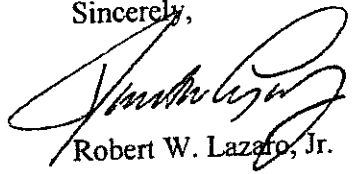
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To help provide information to our citizens regarding the critical water resource issues facing our community, I will be hosting an information session on Tuesday, September 5, 7 PM at Town Hall.

There are many challenges facing our community. I am confident, however, that working together they can and will be successfully addressed.

As always, if I can ever be of assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert W. Lazo, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Robert W. Lazo, Jr.
Mayor